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Welfare Measures for Minorities

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the various schemes under implementation for the welfare of minorities including Muslims;
- (b) the funds allocated under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the entire amount allocated has been utilized and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether welfare measures are uniformly applied on all the defined minority categories and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of minority groups which have benefitted the most from the welfare measures during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): This Ministry is currently implementing the following schemes/programmes in the country for the welfare of six Centrally notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains:-

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
- (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship
- (5) Free coaching and allied Scheme
- (6) "Padho Pardesh"- Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (7) Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc. (Nai Udaan)
- (8) Jiyo Parsi
- (9) Nai Roshni- Women Leadership Scheme
- (10) Seekho Aur Kamao
- (11) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skill
- (12) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- (13) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) - implemented in identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of assets
- (14) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and skill related schemes:-
 - (a) Grants-in-Aid to NGOs/Trust/Society
 - (b) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the Minorities
 - (c) Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
- (15) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

The details of the schemes at serial No. (1) to (13) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), those at serial No.(14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and at serial No. 15 are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

(b)& (c): The State-wise and Scheme-wise details of persons benefited/funds allocated/spent under different schemes of the Ministry during each of the last three years and the current year are on the website of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. In most of the schemes, nearly 100% allocated funds were released / utilized. In Scholarship schemes, a part of allocated funds remained unutilized due to delayed disbursement of scholarships through NSP 2.0. In other schemes, a part of allocated funds remained unutilized due to non-receipt of proposals and / or utilization certificates from States and utilization certificates from Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs).

(d)& (e): The welfare measures are distributed among the Centrally notified minority communities in accordance with the proportion of their population, wherever it is applicable, to the extent possible. The details of the welfare measure/schemes at serial No. (1) to (13)

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